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"WE SHALL SEE."

Synopsis.-Writing long after the events described, Jack Calder. Scot farmer of West Inch, tells how, in his childhood, the fear of invasion by Napoleon, at that time complete master of Europe, had gripped the British nation. Following a false alarm that the French had landed, Jim Horscroft, the doctor's son, a youth of fifteen, quarrels with his father over joining the army, and from that incident a lifelong friendship begins between the boys. Ther go to school together at Ber-wick, where Jim is cock boy from the first. After two years Jim goes o Edinburgh to study medicine.
Jack stays five years more at Berwick, becoming cock boy in his
turn. When Jack is eighteen his
cousin Edie comes to live at West
Inch and Jack falls in love at first sight with his attractive, romantic, selfish and autocratic cousin of seventeen. They watch from the cilifs the victory of an English merchantman over two French privateers. Reproached by Edle for staying at home, Jack starts to enpromises to stay and marry her She acquiesces. Jim comes home, Jack sees Jim kissing Edie. Jack and Jim compare notes and force Edle to choose between them. She chooses Jim. Jack gives up Edle to Jim. The downfall of Napoleon is celebrated. A half-dead ship-wrecked foreigner drifts ashore at West Inch. He says he is Bonaver ture de Lapp, a soldier of fortune. He goes to live with the Calders. A man of mystery, and evidently of high position, he wins all hearts.

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Jim Horscroft was at home all that summer, but late in the autumn he went back to Edinburgh again for the winter session, and as he intended to work very hard, and get his degree next spring if he could, he said that he would bide up there for the Christmas. So there was a great leave-tak-ing between him and Cousin Edie, and he was to put up his plate and to marry her as soon as he had the right to practice. I never knew a man love a woman more fondly than be did her, and she liked him well enough in a way, for indeed in the whole of Scotland she would not find a finer-looking man; but when it came to marriage I think she winced a little at the thought that all her wonderful dreams should end in nothing more than in being the wife of a country surgeon. I was never very sure at that time whether Edie cared for De Lapp or not. When Jim was at home they took little notice of each other. Afttogether, which was natural enough, as he had taken up so much of her time before.

Well, the summer and the autumn and the best part of the winter passed away, and we were still all very happy 1815, and the great emperor was still eating his beart out at Elba, and all the ambassadors were wrangling together at Vienna as to what they should do with the llon's skin, now that they had so fairly hunted him down. We never thought that wha all these high and mighty people were loing could have any bearing upon us. and as to war-why, everybody was agreed that the great shadow was lifted from us forever, and that, unless the allies quarreled among themselves there would not be a shot fired in Euope for another fifty years.

There was one incident, however, that stands out very clearly in my memory-I think that it must have happened about the February of this year-and I will tell it to you before I go any further.

You know what the Border peel castles are like, I have no doubt. They were just square keeps, built every here and there along the line, so that the folk might have some place of protection against raiders and mosa troopers. When Percy and his mer were over the Marches, then the people would drive some of their cattle into the yard of the tower, shut up the big gate, and light a fire in the brazier at the top, which would be answered by all the other peel towers, until the lights would go twinkling up to the Lammermuir hills, and so carry the news on to the Pentlands and to Edinburgh. But now, of course, all these old keeps were warped and crumbling, and made fine nesting places for the wild birds.

One day I had been on a very long at the Laidiaw Armstrongs, who live fast as I had. two miles on this side of Ayton. About five o'clock, just before the sunset, I found myself on the brae path, with the gable end of West Inch peeping up in front of me, and the old peel tower lying on my left. And as I stared I suddenly saw the face of a man twinkle for a moment in one of the holes

in the wall. It was so queer that I was deter-

der on home, and walked swiftly toward the tower. The grass stretches right up to the very base of the wall, and my feet made little noise until I reached the crumbling arch where the old gate used to be. I peeped through and there was Bonaventure de Lapp, standing inside the keep, and peeping out through the very hole at which I had seen his face. He was turned half away from me, and it was clear that he had not seen me at all, for he was staring with all his eyes over in the direction of West Inch. As I advanced my foot rattled the rubble that lay in the gateway, and he turned round with a start and faced me. "Hullo!" said I, "what are you doing

"I may ask you that," said he. "I came up because I saw your

face at the window." "And I because, as you may well have observed. I have very much interest for all that has to do with the military, and of course castles are among them. You will excuse me for one moment, my dear Jack," and he stepped out suddenly through the hole in the wall, so as to be out of my sight.

But I was very much too curious to excuse him so easily. I shifted my ground swiftly, to see what it was that he was after. He was standing outside, and waving his hand frantically, as in a signal,

"What are you doing?" I cried, and then, running out to his side, I looked across the moors to see whom he was beckoning to.

"You go too far, sir," said he angrily; "I didn't thought you would have gone so far. A gentleman has the freedom to act as he choose, without your being the spy upon him. If we are to be friends, you must not interfere in my affairs."

"I don't like these secret doings," said I, "and my father would not like them, either.'

"Your father can speak for himself, and there is no secret," said he curtly. "It is you, with your imaginings, that make a secret. Ta, ta, ta! I have no patience with such foolishness." And, without so much as a nod, he turned his back upon me and started walking swiftly to West Inch.

Well, I followed him, and in the worst of tempers, for I had a feeling that there was some mischlef in the wind, and yet I could not for the life of me think what it all meant. What could there be to spy about in Berwickshire. And besides, Major Elliott knew all about him, and he would not show him such respect if there was anything amiss.

I had just got as far as this in my thoughts when I heard a cheery hall, and there was the major himself, coming down the hill from his house, with his big buildog, Bounder, together. We got well into the year held in leash. This dog was a savage creature, and had caused more than one accident on the countryside, but the major was very fond of it, and would never go out without it, though he kept it tied with a good, thick thong of leather. Well, just as I was looking at the major, waiting for him to come up, he stumbled with his lame leg over a branch of gorse, and in recovering himself he let go his hold of the leash, and in an instant there was the beast of a dog flying down the hillside in my direction.

I did not like it, I can tell you, for there was neither stick nor stone about, and I knew that the brute was dangerous. As it came at me with bristling hair and its nose screwed back between its two red eyes, I cried out, "Bounder!" at the pitch of my lungs. It had Its effect, for the beast passed me with a snart, and flew along the path on the traces of Bonaventure de Lapp.

He turned at the shouting, and seemed to take in the whole thing at a glance, but he strolled along as slowly as ever. My heart was in my mouth for him, for the dog had never seen him before, and I ran as fast as my feet would carry me to drag it away from him. But somehow, as it bounded up and saw the twittering finger and thumb which De Lapp held out behind him, its fury died suddenly away, and we saw it wagging its thumb of a tail and clawing at his

"Your dog, then, major?" said he, as its owner came hobbling up. "Ah, it is a fine beast-a fine, pretty thing." The major was blowing hard, for walk, away over to leave a message he had covered the ground nearly as

"I was afraid lest he might have

hurt you," he panted. "Ta, ta, ta!" cried De Lapp. "He is a pretty, gentle thing. I always ute. So your own rate may easily be love the dogs. But I am glad that | much faster or slower than the av-I have met you, major, for there is this young gentleman, to whom I owe very much, who has begun to think

that I am a spy. Is it not so, Jack?" I was so taken aback by his words that I could not lay my tongue to an so, tired as I was. I turned my shoul- enswer, but colored up and looked the passage of time.

askance, like the awkward country lad that I was,

"You know me, major," said De Lapp; "and I am sure that you will tell him that this could not be.' "No, no, Jack! Certainly not! Cer-

tainly not!" cried the major. "Thank you," said De Lapp. "You know me, and you do me justice. And yourself, I hope that you will soon have your regiment given you."

"I am well enough," answered the major; "but they will never give me a place unless there is war, and there will be no more war in my time."

"Oh! you think that?" said De Lapp. with a smile. "Well, nous verrons. We shall see, my friend!" He whisked off his hat, and turning briskly, he walked off in the direction of West Inch. The major stood looking after him with thoughtful eyes, and then asked me what it was that had me think that he was a spy. When I told him he said nothing, but he shook his head, and looked like a man who was ill at ease in his mind.

### CHAPTER VIII.

The Coming of the Cutter.

I never felt quite the same to out odger after that little business at the peel-tower. It was always in my mind that he was holding a secret from me; indeed, that he was all a secret together, seing that he always hung a veil over his past.

And when by chance that vell was for an instant whisked away we al ways caught just a glimpse of some thing bloody and violent and dreadful upon the other side. The very look of his body was terrible. I bathed with him once in the summer, and I saw then that he was haggled with wounds all over. Besides seven or eight slashes his ribs on one side were twisted out of shape and a part of one of his calves had been torn away. He laughed in his merry way when he saw my face of wonder.

"Cossacks! Cossacks!" said he, running his hand over his scars. "And the ribs were broke by an artillery tumbril. It is very bad to have the guns pass over one. Now with cavalry it is nothing. A horse will pick its steps. however fast it may go. I have been ridden over by fifteen hundred cuiras siers and by the Russian hussars of Grodno, and I had no harm from that. But guns are very bad."

"And the calf?" I asked. "Pooh! It is only a wolf bite," said "You would not think how I came by it! You will understand that my horse and I had been struck, the horse killed, and I with my ribs broken by the tumbril. Well, it was cold-ob bitter, bitter!-the ground like iron and no one to help the wounded, so that they froze into such shapes as would make you smile. I, too, felt that I was freezing, so what did I do? 1 took my sword and I opened my dead horse, so well as I could, and I made space in him for me to lie, with one little hole for my mouth. Sapristi! It was warm enough there. But there was not room for the entire of me, se my feet and part of my legs stuck out Then in the night, when I slept, there came the wolves to eat the horse, and they had a little pinch of me also, as you can see: but after that I was on guard with my pistols, and they had no more of me. There I lived, very warm and nice, for ten days," "Ten days!" I cried. "What did you

Why. I ate the horse. It was what you call board and lodging to me. But of course I have sense to eat the legs and live in the body. There were many dead about who had their water

bottles, so I had all I could wish. And on the eleventh day there came a patrol of light cavalry, and all was well." It was by such chance chats as these-hardly worth repeating in them selves-that there came light upon himself and his past. But the day was coming when we should know all, and how it came I shall try now to tell

The winter had been a dreary one, but with March came the first signs of spring, and for a week on end we had sunshine and winds from the south. On the seventh Jim Horscroft was to come back from Edinburgh, for though the session ended with the first, his examination would take him a week. Edie and I were out walking on the sea beach on the sixth, and I could talk of nothing but my old friend, for, indeed, he was the only friend of my own age that I had at that time. Edle was very stlent, which was a rare thing with her, but she listened, smiling, to all that I had to say.

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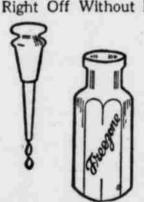
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